

MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
Administration Building
301 W. Jefferson Street, 10th Floor
Board of Supervisors Conference Room
Phoenix, Arizona 85003
February 23, 2009

Ms. Adamic called the meeting to order officially at 3:01 pm with a quorum present.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Audrey Adamic
James Giangobbe, M.D.
Zuhdi Jasser, M.D* 3:15
Michael Kearns
Mike Snitz
Shannon Smith
Pam Wight
Don Cassano
Susanne Cook, RN, PhD

Members Excused:

Maricopa County Supervisor Andrew Kunasek, District 3
Brian Spicker

Ex-Officio: Bob England, M.D.

(* Denotes members arriving after Roll Call)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Ms. Adamic advised that if anyone from the public is present at the meeting today who would like an opportunity to speak, a Speaker Request Form is available and must be filled out prior to addressing the Board of Health. The Board of Health cannot take action on but only discuss questions from the public under the Call to the Public section.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approval of the January 26, 2009 BOH Minutes:

-Ms. Adamic

Pam Wight made the motion to approve the January 26th, 2009 BOH minutes. Don Cassano seconded the motion. The motion passed with an 8 to 0 vote.

2. Pool Abatement Assessment Appeal

-Ms. Ballengee

Property Owner Appeal of Nuisance Abatement Assessment
Maricopa County Health code Chapter I, Regulation 14. Cause #: 263668
Property Owner: Alan W. Goff
Property Address: 6314 N. 13th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85014

Rules of order given by County Counsel Victoria Mangiapane

Hearing called to order by Audrey Adamic – Presence of Mr. Goff was requested by chair – he was not in attendance to address the board.

Ms. Ballengee informed the Board as to the notification and attempts to notify Mr. Goff. Certified letter was sent and returned to department, notification was posted at address. Department report, assessor information and photos are included in minutes.
Complaint was from citizen complaint on hive of feral bees.

Request for the assessment to be upheld was made by Ms Ballengee of \$753.50

Mike Snitz asked if bees were harmful – Ms. Ballengee explained that the Department is not an expert as to the nature of the bees, i.e. were they Africanized bees, but that they were reacting to a citizen complaint and had expressed concern about the safety of children at the nearby school.

Dr. Cook asked if the car in the photos had remained at all times – Ms. Ballengee said that it had.

Ms. Ballengee expressed that Mr. Goff's driver's license also listed this address as his residence.

Audrey Adamic abstained from vote as she is a neighbor of Mr. Goff's
She was asked to fill out a conflict of interest form

Motion was made to uphold assessment by James Giangobbe, M.D. and was seconded by Mike Snitz. Motion passed 7-0 with 1 abstaining

Mr. Cassano Chaired the next motion as Ms Adamic was not present with the preceding motions

2. Fee Waivers:

-Ms. Minichiello

Ms. Minichiello presented 4 fee waivers for approval. *Vertical Response Ministry, Lodestar Day Resource Center, Compassion in Action, and General Federated Women's Club*. The Department of Environmental Services recommended approval of all with the exception of General Federated Women's Club. The last was recommended to not be approved as the beneficiary was a public entity not a specific needy group.

Mr. Cassano made the motion to approve all other fee waivers with the exception of General Federated Women's Club. Mr. Snitz seconded the motion. The motion passed with an 8 to 0 vote.

Mr. Snitz made the motion to deny the exception of General Federated Women's Club; motion was seconded by James Giangobbe. Motion passed 8 to 0.

3. Pool Abatement Assessment Appeal

- Ms. Ballengee

Ioan Radu, Case #254307: Adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order
Explanation of procedures and appeal rights given by County Counsel Victoria Mangiapane

Mr. Cassano chaired this segment of appeals hearing. The following board members participated in the hearing as they were present for the original hearing; Don Cassano, Suzanne Cook, Zuhdi Jasser, James Giangobbe, Mike Snitz, Pam Wight. A call was made for Mr. Ioan Radu to address the Board, he was not in attendance. No further interaction has occurred with Mr. Radu

Motion was made to adopt the findings of fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in case #254307 by Zuhdi Jasser and seconded by Suzanne Cook. Passed unanimously 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Public Health Report

-Dr. England

Dr. Bob England presented the following matters to the Board.

Human Resources

Infrastructure

Funding (see email handout)

Budgets – Last Wednesday we received notice of decreases to State contracts and also proposed budget reductions to our county general fund reduction: Memo to employees referenced (attached in document). Dr. England referenced that these general fund cuts were in addition to a prior 5% administrative reduction and a 5% overall reduction in our general fund funding. Current proposed cuts amount to 16% or just over 2 million dollars. These cuts have not been voted on yet by the Board of Supervisors. These cuts include a reduction of a floor at 4041 north Central, several positions being moved to grants, and some other administrative cuts. This still left close to 1 million dollars to be reduced from programs. These required the elimination of the Family Planning Clinic and a reduction and change in services for Tuberculosis Control.

With Family Planning most services are being provided by other entities in the community. Fewer people are using our clinic as it is no longer a free service. Utilization has decreased and is no longer supporting the entities expenses with current fees. The other large cut is in TB control, this is the oldest PH service and is our highest funded program, while the disease is still in our community and has been severely limited by PH control it is felt we can approach the disease control differently and still control the spread of the disease. The PH program will lose 12.5 positions; we will have to make changes to operate more efficiently. Most field service nurses will be eliminated and served with epi positions that are established by not filled. The remaining clinical staff will take care of the clinical work. The training given to epi's is similar to the TB training and should be able to do this work more efficiently.

None of these cuts were easy, as our Department is already underfunded in comparison to other PH Departments nationally. These cuts were selected as they will have the smallest impact public health.

State funding cuts will affect TB, Well Women Health Checks, Prenatal Block Grants, and the High Risk Perinatal program. The impact of these cuts will be further explained as they are still being analyzed

While our funding has been reduced we are getting many notices of awards of stimulus funding but at this time we have nothing certain as far as new grant funds coming in. .

Sites

Our food bank site over on 31st Avenue and Thomas is now open and our Mesa site should be opened in January. These are not clinical sites other than we provide WIC services and immunizations but it will also provide places for people that are field workers to have access too without having to come all the way back downtown.

Strategic Planning

Programs

Disease Control

OPR – Office of Preparedness and Response

In an era of many drills – see attached – Coyote Crisis, Palo Verde Drill, and Mass Vaccination drill.

CHN – has provided over 30,000 vaccinations, many at health care for the homeless.

Flu is widespread in the community at this time – but the numbers don't look that bad. It will either be a mild season or a late flu season.

Health Care for the Homeless – We did have a shooting today at the HCH Clinic that should be on the news tonight. The victim was not one of our staff but was a staff member of CASS. Our clinic staff rendered aid but the victim did not survive. The Clinic was given the option to close but chose to stay open as they had a waiting room full of patients who needed care.

Announcements and Current Events

-Board Members

No announcements or current events discussed

Adjournment

The motion was made to and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed with a 9 to 0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.